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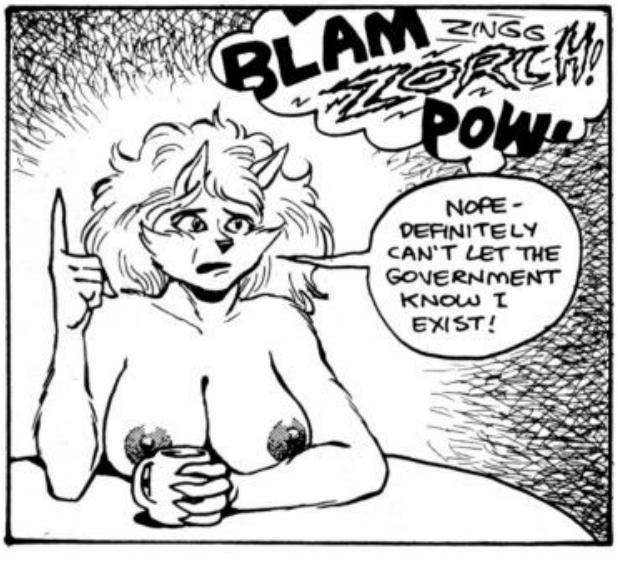
THE MINK IN:
POWER
WHAT'S IT GOOD FOR?
BY KJARTAN ARNÖRSSON ©1996
YAWWN
CREAK
RUFFLE RUFFLE
AM I A LESBIAN?
NAH, I LIKE GUYS TOO MUCH. IT'S LIKE MELODY SAID - I LIKE TO HAVE FUN WITH GOOD FRIENDS! AND IF THE FRIEND'S FEMALE, SO WHAT? IT'S THE 90'S NOW!
TWEET! TWIRLEET!
TICK TOCK
GLURGLE GLURK
MR. COFFEE
SO... WHAT DO I WANT TO DO WITH THE REST OF MY LIFE?

WHAT WERE MY AMBITIONS BEFORE I FOUND MAGIC? A RESEARCH SCIENTIST - A GEOLOGIST - OR FAILING THAT, A LIBRARIAN.
I DON'T THINK I'LL BECOME ANY OF THOSE, NOW.

MY FUTURE WILL BE DEFINED BY MY POWERS: SO: WHAT USE WILL I PUT THEM TO?
... I COULD GO INTO SHOW BIZ - BE A POP STAR OR ACTRESS - I COULD PROVIDE MY OWN SPECIAL EFFECTS!

NO - THAT WOULD BE FRIVOLOUS. I DON'T WANT THE FAME, AND I DON'T REALLY NEED THE MONEY.
I COULD PUT MY POWERS IN THE SERVICE OF MY COUNTRY - BECOME A SUPER-AGENT. THAT WOULD BE A THRILL...
WOW - YOU CAN REALLY SEE WHAT THE RUSSKIES ARE UP TO WITH THAT BALL!

BUT - THAT MEANS SHE CAN ALSO SEE EVERYTHING WE'RE UP TO! NO STATE SECRET IS SAFE WITH HER AROUND!
NOT TO MENTION OUR SCANDALS AND COVERUPS!
YOU'RE RIGHT! WE'LL HAVE TO KILL HER!


BLAM
ZINGG
ZORCH!
POW
NOPE - DEFINITELY CAN'T LET THE GOVERNMENT KNOW I EXIST!

HMM... MAYBE I SHOULD TAKE MY CUE FROM WHAT MELODY SAID?
Y'KNOW, I'M REALLY JEALOUS OF YOUR SET... - THAT BIT OF MAGIC ALONE COULD MAKE YOU RICH!

I COULD HAVE A CAREER AS A BODY SHAPER AND HEALER - MY POWERS WOULD DO SOME REAL GOOD IN THE WORLD, THEN.
MY TUMOR! IT'S GONE!
BUT THERE ARE MANY MILLIONS MORE SICK PEOPLE THAN I COULD EVER GET AROUND TO HELPING - HOW DO I PICK WHICH ONES TO HEAL?
EENY MEENY MINEY MOE?
IT COULD EASILY GET OUT OF HAND...
I WAS AN ARTIST! CURE MY BLINDNESS AND I'LL BE YOUR SLAVE!
HEAL ME!!
MY WIFE IS DYING!
ME!
ME FIRST!
ME!
ME!
HEAL MY SON! I'LL DO ANYTHING!
ME!
I HAVE MONEY!
YOU LET MY MOTHER DIE!!
SHE'S A DEMON! KILL HER!!
KILL! MUTILATE!
SHE'S THE MESSIAH! KILL THE UNBELIEVERS!
...WAY OUT OF HAND!
OY... NOT A GOOD SCENARIO. MAYBE I COULD TEACH MAGIC TO SELECTED STUDENTS - SPREAD THE BURDEN AROUND A LITTLE?
YEAH - AT THE RISK OF CREATING ANOTHER BERECKI. IF I EVER START PASSING ON MY POWERS, I'LL HAVE TO PICK THE STUDENTS VERY, VERY VERY, VERY, VERY, VERY VERY CAREFULLY!
BOW DOWN AND WORSHIP ME, MORTALS!
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DO YOU SNEAK NAPS WHEN I'M NOT LOOKING, OR DON'T WITCHES NEED SLEEP?
I ALWAYS WAS AN EARLY RISER. GOOD MORNING, MELODY.

SO WHAT WAS FURROWING YOUR BROW LIKE THAT?
THE FUTURE.
OH?

THE ORIGINAL MAGICIANS WERE ALL BUT IMMORTAL. IF I ATTAIN ALL THEIR POWERS, THE REST OF MY LIFE MAY BE A VERY LONG TIME INDEED.
HEAVY!
....I'M WONDERING WHAT TO DO WITH IT.
ANY CONCLUSIONS?

WELL, BEING A SPY MAY GET ME KILLED, BEING A HEALER MAY GET ME MOBBED, OR EVEN WORSE, WORSHIPPED, AND BEING A TEACHER OF MAGIC RISKS CREATING ANOTHER BERECKI.
MMMMM...

MAYBE I SHOULD JUST STAY AS I AM, LEARNING MAGIC, AND OCCASIONALLY HANGING OUT WITH YOU. GOING PUBLIC IS JUST TOO RISKY. BUT JUST AMASSING MAGICAL POWER AND NEVER USING IT SEEMS POINTLESS. WHAT GOOD IS A POWER THAT'S NEVER USED?
BZZZT

SO WHO SAYS YOU HAVE TO BE ONLY ONE THING OR THE OTHER? WHY NOT PART-TIME? BE A STUDENT DURING THE WEEK, A HEALER ON WEEKENDS?
MMM... GOOD POINT.
BUT EVEN IF I DO MY HEALINGS ANONYMOUSLY, THAT STILL LEAVES THE PROBLEM OF CHOICE: HOW DO I PICK WHICH ONES TO HEAL, AND WHICH TO LET DIE? I'M NOT GOD!
HMM... WELL, IF YOU CAN'T CHOOSE, DON'T CHOOSE. DO IT AT RANDOM.
RANDOM??
SURE. WRITE UP A LIST OF HOSPITALS, CLOSE YOUR EYES, AND TOSS A DART AT IT. THEN GO HEAL FOLKS IN THE HOSPITAL THE DART HIT. YOU LEAVE THE BURDEN OF CHOICE TO CHANCE, SEE?
YES... -I SEE...
THAT'S A GOOD, PRACTICAL SUGGESTION, MELODY. NO PROBLEM SEEMS INSOLUBLE IF I TALK IT OVER WITH YOU. I TELL MYSELF I'M SMART. BUT YOU'RE MUCH MORE SENSIBLE THAN ME!
I'D STILL RATHER BE ABLE TO FLY...
...BUT IF I HAD YOUR POWER TO MAGICALLY STIMULATE ORGASMS, I'D PROBABLY NEVER LEAVE THE HOUSE. I'M STILL TINGLING A LI'L FROM LAST NIGHT...

WHY-YOU'RE BLUSHING! HEE! THE SHY LI'L BOOKWORM LAURA IS STILL ALIVE IN THERE. ISN'T SHE?
WELL...
BUT I THINK THAT'S GOOD! IT MEANS YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO BECOME ANOTHER BERECK!
...AND THAT TOUCH OF INNOCENCE IN A DYNAMITE BODY IS WHAT MAKES YOU THE MOST JEANS-WETTINGLY SEXY WOMAN I'VE EVER MET!
YOU'RE A GOOD PERSON, LAURA. YOU'VE BROUGHT PLEASURE AND HEALING TO YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAVE THE WORLD- JUST BE YOURSELF, AND THINGS WILL WORK OUT!
UHMM....THAT'S GOOD ADVICE...
...AND I KNOW ONE FRIEND I'M GOING TO GIVE SOME PLEASURE TO RIGHT NOW...
OH GOODY!
SLRAPE
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YEAH! SQURT!
OH!
EEP!
AHH!
MPF! UMF!
MMAAMM
MMOOOHHHH...
MELODY?
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
...I LOVE YOU....
-AND SOON, YOU'RE GOING TO BE BEYOND ME.
NO, NO...
I'LL NEVER BE BEYOND YOU, MY LITTLE MELODY MOUSE
-YOU'RE MY COMMON SENSE.
MORE LATER...

HIDDEN Talent
GOD, DEANNA! YOU'VE GOT TO STOP LISTENING TO ASHLEY AND HER FRIENDS. LAST TIME, IT WAS SOMETHING ABOUT ARMADILLOS, WASN'T IT?
Story & Art by Bill Schmickle

YEAH, WELL I GUESS YOU'D HAVE TO BE INTO ADVANCED ROCK CLIMBING TO APPRECIATE THAT. STILL, FROM WHAT ASHLEY HEARD, OPPOSSUMS HAVE A WAY OF MAKING OUT THAT DRIVES YOU *WILD!*

SHE WOULDN'T GO INTO DETAIL, BUT SUFFICE IT TO SAY, IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THEIR *PREHENSILE TAIL!*

sigh... SO, AS USUAL, YOU'VE DECIDED TO CONDUCT YOUR OWN RESEARCH. KNOW ANY POSSUMS?

HOW ABOUT IRWIN, AT THE MALL?

HE'S A DWEEB!! I MEAN, HE'S KINDA CUTE, BUT...

I SAY WE GO AND FIND OUT IF THERE'S MORE TO OUR LITTLE FRIEND THAN MEETS THE EYE...

YO!
THINK QUICK!!!
BIF!
OW! COOL IT, DAVE!
DATED MATERIAL

WHOA, IRN . . . MAJOR BABE ALERT!

G'DAY LADIES! CAN I HELP YOU FIND ANYTHING?
POGS

IRRRWINNN... HI!
UH... HI, DEANNA... WHAT'S UP?
POGS

IRWIN, WE WERE WONDERING IF THE ...ER... RUMORS WERE TRUE?
WHAT RUMORS?

OH, JUST THAT YOU POSSUMS HAVE A, SHALL WE SAY, UNIQUE WAY OF SATISFYING A WOMAN?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

C'MON COMPADRE, NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR MODESTY!
SHUT UP, DAVE!

YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THIS?
HEY, NO SECRETS EXIST BETWEEN FELLOW MARSUPIALS. WHY, OPOSSUM SEXUAL PROWESS IS LEGENDARY IN THE ANIMAL KINGDOM!
SHUT-UP, DAVE!

WHY IRWIN, YOU LITTLE STUD! PERHAPS YOU COULD ENLIGHTEN US?
WHAT? HERE? NOW?!

(HEY, GO FOR IT, MAN. TAKE 'EM IN BACK; I'LL COVER FOR YOU!)
(BUT WHAT ABOUT BERGDORK...I MEAN BERGDORF?)
(DON'T WORRY. I CAN STALL HIM. BUT TELL ME SOMETHING... WHAT DO POSSUMS DO TO EXCITE WOMEN?)
(WELL, IT INVOLVES...)
WHAT ARE YOU TWO TALKING ABOUT? LET'S GO!
... A STEPLADDER?
I ADMIT, IT'S A BIT UNORTHODOX, BUT WE LACK TREES HERE IN THE STOCK-ROOM, SO WE WORK WITH WHAT WE HAVE.
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FEAR OF HEIGHTS, DO YOU, DEANNA?

FEELS STRONG... GUESS IT'LL HOLD...
ONLY WAY TO FIND OUT...

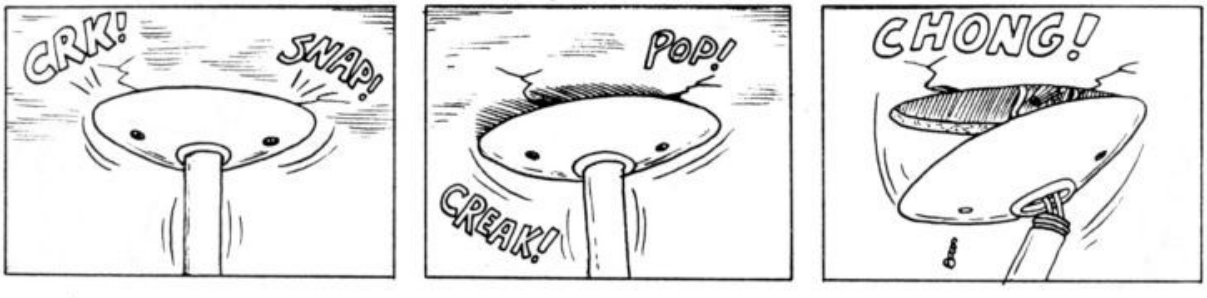
ALLY-OOP!
GASP!

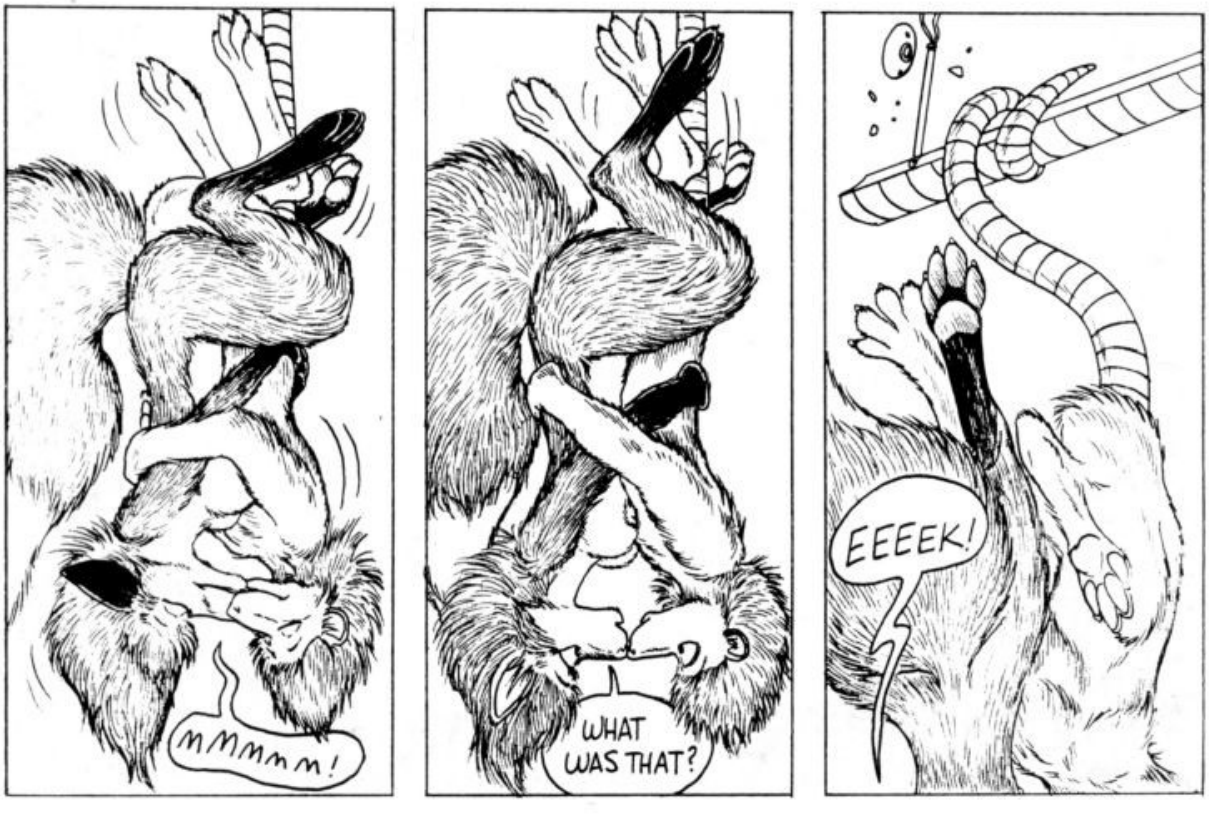
PHASE ONE... COMPLETE!
OOOO... ACROBATICS!
KIM, WOULD YOU MIND HOLDING MY GLASSES?

NOW, WHEN I GRAB YOUR HANDS, SWING YOUR LEGS UP AND WRAP THEM AROUND ME!
YOU TWO ARE COMPLETELY NUTS!

1...2...
YEAAAH!!
SAY, UH, KIM? .... WHY DON'T YOU GO AND, UH, SEE WHAT DAVE'S UP TO OUT FRONT... WE'D LIKE A LITTLE PRIVACY?
NO SMOKING
YEAH! WE'RE MODEST!
FINE, JUST DON'T THINK FOR A MINUTE YOU'RE GETTING ME UP THERE!

I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT THOSE TWO ARE DOING BACK THERE!
YES, ALREADY! WE GOT POPS!
STAGGERS THE IMAGINATION?
NO, BUT IT DEFIES GRAVITY!


CRK!
SNAP!
POP!
CREAK!
CHONG!


MMMMM!
WHAT WAS THAT?
EEEEK!

CRASH!
OH MY GOD!

WHAT THE HELL WERE THEY DOING, ANYWAY?
EMPLOYEES ONLY
I THOUGHT YOU KNEW ALL ABOUT IT!!

IRWIN! DEANNA! YOU GUYS ALRIGHT?
NOT...(UH!)... EXACTLY THE CLIMAX WE WERE STRIVING FOR!

HOLY SHIT! YOU WERE HANGING FROM THE LIGHT FIXTURE!?!
WELL, DUH!

YEAH, GUESS I BETTER TRY AND FIX IT BEFORE BERGDORF GETS BACK. SORRY DEANNA, ARE YOU OK?
NO PROB. HEY, IT WAS FUN WHILE IT LASTED!
WE BETTER GO! COME ON DEE, GET DRESSED!

LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN SOON, OK SUGAR?
REALLY? HEY, MY ATTIC'S GOT OAK BEAMS!
OH, PLEASE!

EVEN AFTER A FIASCO LIKE THAT, YOU SCORE! MAN, I WISH I HAD YOUR EDGE!
HEY, WHAT CAN I SAY? (ow!) EVOLUTION'S BEEN GOOD TO ME!
WHERE'S THE TOOL KIT?
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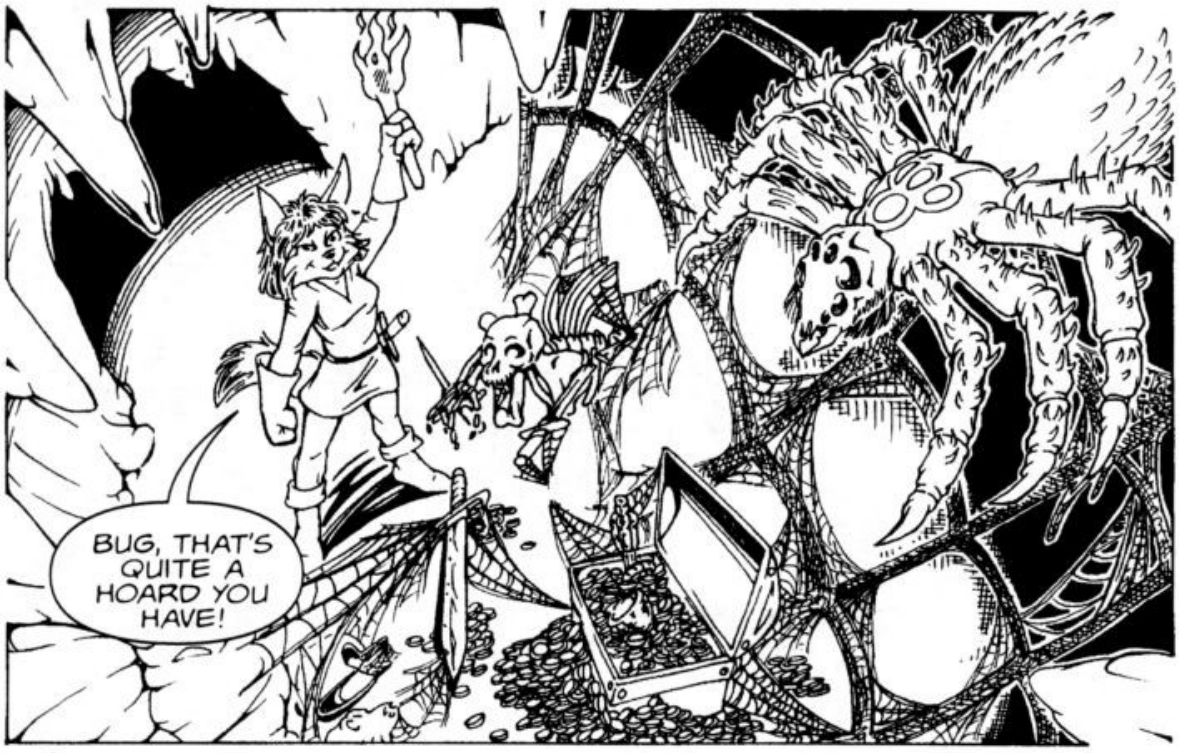

IRENE THE BLACK IN WEB of DECEIT

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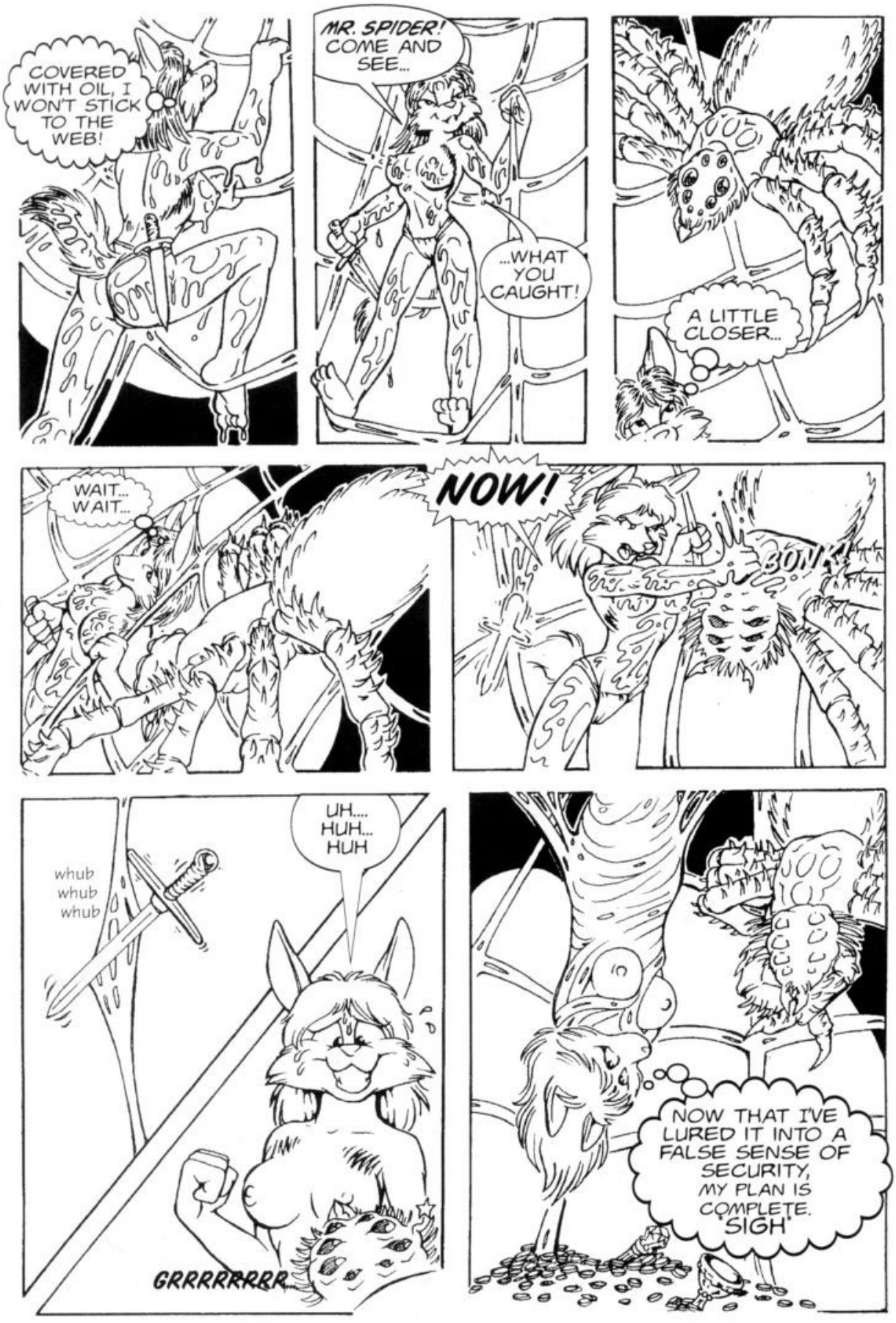
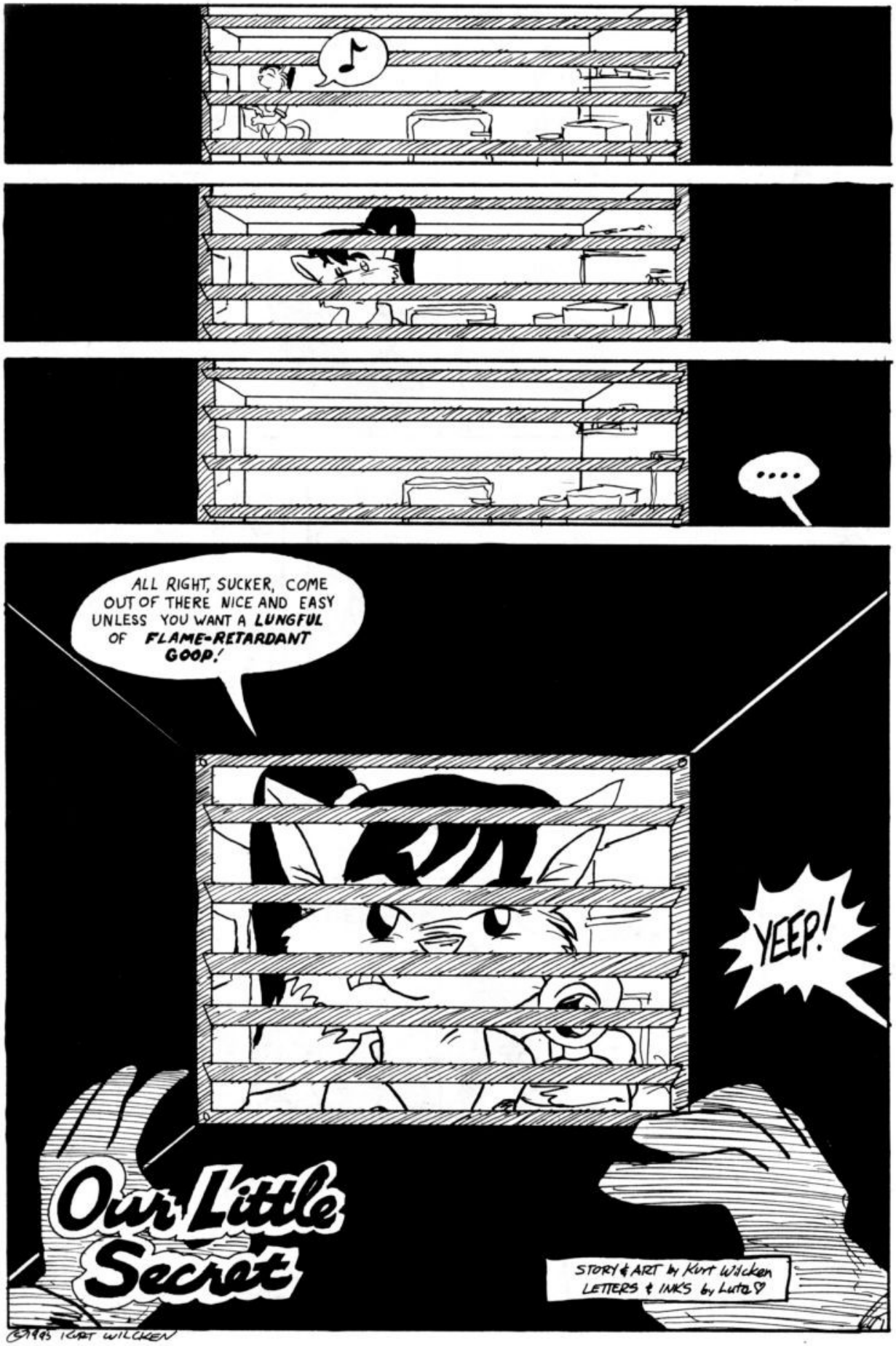

COVERED WITH OIL, I WON'T STICK TO THE WEB!
MR. SPIDER! COME AND SEE...
...WHAT YOU CAUGHT!
A LITTLE CLOSER...
WAIT... WAIT...
NOW!
BOW!
whub whub whub
UH.... HUH... HUH
GRRRRRRRR
NOW THAT I'VE LURED IT INTO A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY, MY PLAN IS COMPLETE. SIGH


....
ALL RIGHT, SUCKER, COME OUT OF THERE NICE AND EASY UNLESS YOU WANT A LUNGFUL OF FLAME-RETARDANT GOOP!
YEEP!
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HAH! BOY, IS SIS EVER GONNA HAVE PUPPIES WHEN SHE HEARS I CAUGHT A STOWAWAY!
SIS...?
YEAH, MY SISTER, THE CAPTAIN!
HOO BOY!

GIMMIE A BREAK, WILL YA? PLEASE? AT LEAST DON'T TELL ANYONE UNTIL THE SHIP ENTERS WARP!
I CAN'T GO BACK TO YADDETA III, I JUST CAN'T!

HMMM...

WELL, MAYBE WE CAN WORK SOMETHING OUT. Y'SEE, THERE AREN'T ANY GUYS ON THIS SHIP.
OH?
AND SO I WAS REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO SHORE LEAVE ON YADDETA III.
AH.

EXCEPT THAT MY STUPID SISTER MADE ME STAY ON THE SHIP AND DO INVENTORY! SHE SAID I WAS TOO YOUNG! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
NO!
I'M ALREADY EIGHTEEN FOR PITY'S SAKE!
HOO...BOY OH BOY.

SO Y'SEE, THERE'S NO REASON WHY I HAVE TO TELL SIS ABOUT YOU... NOT RIGHT AWAY...
'SPECIALLY IF SOMETHING'S KEEPING ME BUSY...
AH!

OH, WHAT THE HEY... I THINK THAT COULD BE ARRANGED...!

hee hee!
Heh Heh!
zip!
Mmmm, m mm...!
Yesss!
giggle!
OH YEAH... OH...♡
AIHH!
AAAH!
HEY, TINA, I COULD USE SOME HELP WITH THE... OOP!
EEP!
KLUMP!

TINA FELINA, WHAT DO YOU THINK **YOU'RE** DOING?
ERK! PATTY! IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!

MM...HMMMM?
Hee!

OKAY, SO **IT IS** WHAT YOU THINK! I FOUND HIM HIDING IN HERE
... AND YOU DECIDED TO MAKE HIM "WORK OFF" HIS PASSAGE, RIGHT?
BOY YOUR SISTER IS GONNA **FREAK!**

YOU ARE'NT GONNA TELL, ARE YOU? PLEASE?
WELL...
I SUPPOSE I **COULD** KEEP YOUR SECRET...

... IF YOU'RE WILLING TO **SHARE...!**
WHAT?
WHAT?

POOP! I THINK HE'S RUNNING OUT OF STEAM ALREADY!
YEAH, I GUESS I DID WORK HIM PRETTY HARD.
AND I WAS JUST GETTING STARTED, TOO...
nng!

SO, WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
I HAVE AN IDEA...

AND SO...
UFF-DA! YOURE RIGHT, THIS IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY!
hmm...very weak pulse!

BUT IT'S NOTHING A FEW C.C.'S OF SATYRZINE CAN'T FIX!

WONDERFUL STUFF! GUARANTEED TO KEEP HIM HORNY AS A HATRACK IN HEAT!
YOWP!
IT'S ILLEGAL ON SEVENTEEN PLANETS!

THAT'S GREAT!
woi!
HOW CAN WE THANK YOU, DOC?
OH, I'M NOT FINISHED YET...!

...HAVE I EVER TOLD YOU ABOUT THE DOCTORAL THESIS I WROTE ON THE PLEASURE CENTERS OF THE MALE NERVOUS SYSTEM?

Oh... oh...
oh yeah...
wo°°°oah!

OCH! SO THAT'S IT!

I THOUGHT I WAS HEARIN' A QUEER MOANIN' IN ME PLASMA VENTS! NO WONDER!
ERK!
BUT LASSIES! DINNA TELL ME YE STARTED AN ORGY BUT FORGOT...

... THE BONDAGE GEAR!
DINNA MOVE A TWITCH! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

Y'KNOW, THIS IS KINDA LIKE "STONE SOUP". EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE!
Sigh!
hee!

SOME TIME LATER...
IT'S AWFULLY QUIET...

WHERE IS EVERYBODY...?

GAH...
AH...
OH...
HO BOY!
Ugh Yeah!
Teehee hee
it's my Turn!
CARG

....

EEEEP!

GINA! I-I CAN EXPLAIN...
NEVER MIND, TINA.

I JUST WANTED TO PASS ON A MESSAGE WE JUST RECIEVED FROM YADDETA III... THE AUTHORITIES WANT US TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A FUGITIVE

IT SEEMS HE SEDUCED THE ARCHPRELATE'S DAUGHTER... THEY'RE VERY ANXIOUS TO GET THEIR HANDS ON HIM!

hee!

I THINK YOU'D BETTER COME WITH ME
YES, MA'AM.
sigh!
THE REST OF YOU HAVE DUTIES.

OH, AND BY THE WAY... IF ANY OF YOU HAPPEN TO SEE THIS FUGITIVE...

... I'LL BE IN MY CABIN FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS!
PIM!

CHECK OUT **STARRUN** IN FURRLOUGH #41

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